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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
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SUBJECT: Commercial Satellite Communications (SATCOM) Task Orders and the  
Satellite Database (SDB)

Reference (a): CJCSI 6250.01C, "SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS", 30 April 2007

Reference (a) requires that all current and future SATCOM user requirements for DoD-owned, allied, or commercial satellite service, shall be recorded in the Satellite Database to ensure efficient use of this high cost capability and to identify utilization for future planning purposes. During the planning for migrating SATCOM requirements from commercial systems to the Wideband Global SATCOM system it was found that not all DoD components were complying with this instruction.

This lack of accountability of leased commercial SATCOM capacity prevents efficient SATCOM resource allocation and apportionment. Task orders submitted to DISA for commercial SATCOM services should either include the Satellite Database identification for the requirements being satisfied or a Joint Staff approved SDB waiver. Those Task orders for commercial SATCOM services that do not provide this information should be returned to the DoD Component for correction.

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